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**1 - Investigators blame ammonium nitrate in massive West explosion**

Dallas Morning News, 05/06/2013

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/west-explosion/headlines/20130506-investigators-blame-ammonium-nitrate-in-massive-west-explosion.ece>

Ammonium nitrate stored at a fertilizer plant here was probably the trigger for a deadly and destructive explosion after fire broke out in the same building, authorities said Monday.

**2 - BP Agrees to 28 Early Restoration Projects for Gulf States**

Environmental News Service, 05/06/2013

<http://ens-newswire.com/2013/05/06/bp-agrees-to-28-early-restoration-projects-for-gulf-states/>

The British oil company BP has agreed to pay \$600 million to cover 28 early restoration projects in the Gulf Coast states damaged by the massive 2010 Deepwater Horizon spill.

**3 - Reluctant to leave home**

The Advocate, 05/06/2013

<http://theadvocate.com/home/5884362-125/reliant-to-leave-home>

Rhett and Donna Pipsair have spent the last 23 years making their home on Sauce Piquante Lane just the way they want it.

**4 - Fracking Regulation Is States' Turf, 13 States Tell EPA**

Tulsa World, 05/06/2013

[http://www.tulsaworld.com/article.aspx/Fracking\\_regulation\\_is\\_states\\_turf\\_13\\_states\\_tell\\_EPA/20130507\\_49\\_E1\\_CUTLIN562199](http://www.tulsaworld.com/article.aspx/Fracking_regulation_is_states_turf_13_states_tell_EPA/20130507_49_E1_CUTLIN562199)

A letter by Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt and signed by his counterparts in 12 other energy-producing states tells the EPA it should not allow threats of litigation by six Northeast states to provide a back-door entry for federal oversight of fracking.

**5 - McCarthy Defends EPA Record, Provides Few Commitments Before Committee Vote**

BNA Daily Environment Report, 05/07/2013

[http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=30977539&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d8g3y9g5&split=0](http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/1245/split_display.adp?fedfid=30977539&vname=denotallissues&jd=a0d8g3y9g5&split=0)

Gina McCarthy, the nominee for Environmental Protection Agency administrator, provided Senate Republicans with few specific commitments for the agency's regulatory agenda over the next few years, but she defended the work she has done as EPA air chief since 2009.

**6 - States 'Coerced' to Add Greenhouse Gases To Implementation Plans, Texas Tells Court**

BNA Daily Environment Report, 05/07/2013

[http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/lpages/lpages.adp?pg=breaking\\_news&bn\\_product=deln#urn:bna:a0d8h6r7w6](http://esweb.bna.com/eslw/lpages/lpages.adp?pg=breaking_news&bn_product=deln#urn:bna:a0d8h6r7w6)

A 2010 Environmental Protection Agency rule giving several states 21 days to revise their air pollution plans to include greenhouse gases or be subject to a federal plan is "coercive" and should be vacated, an attorney for Texas told a federal appellate court May 7 ( Texas v. EPA, D.C. Cir., No. 10-1425, oral arguments 5/7/13 ; Utility Air Regulatory Group v. EPA, D.C. Cir., No. 11-1037, oral arguments 5/7/13 ).